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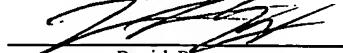
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Title: STORAGE SYSTEM INCLUDING HIERARCHICAL CACHE METADATA	

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2.  **Specification**

22 page(s) of specification; 4 page(s) of claims, 1 page(s) of abstract

3.  **Drawings**

Formal Figure(s) 1-6 on 6 sheet(s)

4.  **Oath or Declaration**

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Copy from a prior application (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))

Deletion of Inventor(s) (in continuation or divisional applications):

Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior non-provisional application:

The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a signed sheet attached hereto.

5.  The entire disclosure of the prior application referred to above is considered to be part of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

6.  Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

7.  Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)

- Computer Readable copy
  - Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
  - Statement verifying identity of above copies
8.  Assignment Papers  
 Assignee: Sun Microsystems, Inc.
9. Power of Attorney
- Is attached.
  - The power of attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.
  - Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
10.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
 Copies of IDS Citations
11. Amendments
- A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
  - Cancel in this application claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.
  - Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:\_\_\_\_\_.
12.  Return Receipt Postcard
13. Small Entity Status
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  - A small entity statement was filed in the prior non-provisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
  - Is no longer claimed.
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is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119(a)-(d)  
 Certified copy of priority document attached
15.  Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 136 for Extension of Time
16.  Fee Authorization form
17.  Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

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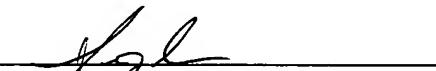
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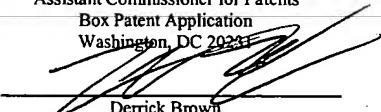
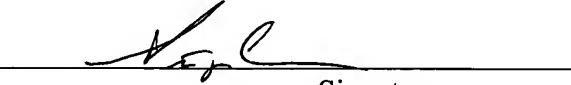


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